

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the indicated paragraphs of the specification in accordance with the amendments indicated below.

Page 1: Between the Title and 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph insert the following heading:

Background of the Invention

1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

The invention ~~starts out from~~ relates to a traffic system ~~of the type given in the main claim~~. Previously, in order to transport persons or goods, systems such as passenger cars, buses, trucks or rail-based vehicles were used. These systems basically make limitations necessary, either with respect to the individuality or with respect to the energy requirement for making a high transporting capacity available. For example, passenger cars, although they make highly individualized transport of persons possible, cannot drive in closed formation at a short distance behind one another in order to reduce air resistance, as is the case inherently with rail-based vehicles. However, rail-based vehicles, buses and trucks, in particular, have the disadvantage that they are not compatible with one another and do not permit

individual transport and interlocking transport systems to be combined for movement at, as far as possible, a uniform speed.

Page 4: Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> full paragraphs, amend the heading as indicated below:

The Invention and its Advantages Summary of the Invention

4<sup>th</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

Compared to the preceding, the inventive traffic system ~~with the~~ characterizing distinguishing features of the main claim has the advantage that it can be operated without expensive infiltrating and exfiltrating devices with the systems own (public) vehicles as well as with infiltratable individual vehicles for conveying persons or goods.

Page 10: 1<sup>st</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

Further advantages and advantageous developments of the invention may be inferred from the description of the examples, the ~~drawing~~ drawings and the claims.

Between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> full paragraphs, delete the heading as indicated below:

~~Drawing~~

2<sup>nd</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below and insert the following heading:

Two examples of the inventive traffic system are described in greater detail in the following and shown in simplified fashion in the ~~drawing, in which~~ drawings.

Brief Description of the Drawings

3<sup>rd</sup> full paragraph, amend as indicated below:

Figure 1 shows a cross-section through a four-track transmission route, which is used on all tracks, as a first example, and

Between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> full paragraphs, amend the heading as indicated below:

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| <u>Description of the Example</u> | <u>Description of the Preferred Embodiments</u> |
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